

**Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of April 26, 2016**  
**Rockport Town Hall**  
*Approved Minutes*

The meeting called to order at 7:10 PM, Tom Kerans presiding.

**Members Present:**

Tom Kerans, Mary Devaney, Tom Mikus, Lori Morrow, Phil Morrow

**Members Absent:**

Jill Solomon

**Attendees:** Ted Tarr

**Approval of March, 2015 Minutes**

Minutes unable to be found. Will review later.

**Assessment of Earth Day**

It was a very rainy day which caused a poor turnout. It was also noted that most town organizations hold events at the same time.

**Update on Community Preservation Grants**

Tom Mikus found that our applications were denied by the State Oversight Committee because CPC funds cannot be used for legal services or equipment. Funds also cannot be approved for title insurance. Tom suggested we apply again next year and revise our application for allowed projects. **The CPC can fund creation of new trails and restoration of historic trails, but not ongoing maintenance of existing trails.**

The Rockport CPC will help us determine the best way to frame our application.

**Update on Atlantic Path/Mass Fisheries Grant**

Paul Donahue, surveyor, has submitted a bid for \$1500 to survey the property line between the Town Rocks and the Hooper property. When the boundaries are clear ROW can meet its responsibility to maintain the Path all the way to Halibut Point. The purpose of the land survey is to complete the Atlantic Path to and **around the Hooper property**. Owners of property over which passes a Public Right of Way are required not to obstruct surveyors and engineers hired by the town. Two property owners on the Atlantic Path are not maintaining the Path. Only the Sayre is subject to the following court order, Sayre vs Rockport, 5/22/1989, signed 12/15/1990 and is in the Essex County Deeds. There also appears to have been some work which obstructs the Path on a protected Coastal Bank .

Chairman Tom Kerans notified abutters of our intention to have the Path surveyed. It was suggested that ConCom should review the Coastal Bank and wetland situation. Linda Sanders will be consulted regarding enforcement of the 1989/90 court order.

**New Business****Blue Books**

On Earth Day, Blue Books were requested. The ones which we have on hand will be returned to Toad Hall by Mary Devaney. She will see what arrangements can be made to make them available to the public.

**Captain's Reports****South Side**

The Cogswell latch attachment is broken. The DPW will be notified.

**Management Report****Budget**

\$3304.00 on hand

**Gift Account**

\$3686.47 on hand

**Toad Hall funds**

To be Reviewed

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**

**Next Meeting: Monday May 23, 2016**

**7:00 PM Town Hall Conference Room A**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Devaney**

**Secretary**